

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to be in generic form and a new dependent claim 21 reciting features previously recited in claim 1 has been presented, with claims 2 - 8 being amended to depend from new dependent claim 21. Additionally, informalities in claims 9 and 16 have been corrected.

As to the requirement for election of a single disclosed species of the alleged patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified by the Examiner as I - claims 1 - 8 directed to the species shown in Fig. 1; II - claims 9 - 15 drawn to the species shown in Fig. 2; III - claim 16 directed to the species shown in Fig. 3; IV - claim 17 directed to the species shown in Fig. 4; V - claim 18 directed to the species shown in Fig. 5; and VI - claims 19 - 20 directed to the species shown in Fig. 6; such requirement is traversed in that applicants submit that generic and/or sub-generic claims are present in this application, and such claims have not been rejected and therefore are deemed to be allowable, such that claims directed to species other than elected species should also be considered.

Although the Examiner indicates that there is no generic claim, by the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite the feature of "at least one of the cathode film and the moisture absorbent layer being arranged so as to cover the display area and the at least one driving circuit" and is therefore considered to be generic or sub-generic to a plurality of the species, as identified by the Examiner including for example, the species shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It is noted that by the present amendment, a new dependent claim 21 dependent upon claim 1 has been added reciting the previously recited feature of claim 1 that the cathode film has a light shielding property and is formed to extend beyond the display area so as to cover the display area and the at least one driving circuit, with claims 2 - 8 being

made dependent upon claim 21. For the foregoing reasons, applicants submit that the requirement for election of species should be withdrawn.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species I with claims 1 - 8 and 21 being readable thereon. It is noted, that since claim 1 is considered to be a generic claim, other claims, considered to be directed to other species should be considered when claim 1 is determined to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, favorable consideration in this application is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.43190X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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